

February 20, 2013

Hon. Allyne R. Ross
United States District Court
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Judge Ross:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide a character reference letter for my father, Jimmy Meng. I write this on behalf of someone who I believe to be is one of the most compassionate and empathetic persons I have ever met. I do not say this only because he is my father but because this is his reputation amongst the general public in the local Flushing, Queens community.

When I first heard about the arrest, my heart felt broken for him. I have never cried so hard in my entire life. This is a man who lost his mother while he was a baby and lived in an orphanage for awhile until his father could take care of him again. This is a man who unlike the stereotypical Asian-American parent, *never* asked if I received a good grade on an exam, but questioned if I had helped anyone that day. Since I can remember, he has always encouraged us, his children, to volunteer as much as we could and to enter public service. The three tenets of our childhood were: 1. Be honest, 2. Work hard, and 3. Treat others as you would like to be treated. This is a man who walked out in the middle of Les Miserables because it reminded him too much of his painful childhood. He is someone who it almost seems as if he can not physically bear to see anyone else struggle or suffer. He is someone who treats a CEO of a corporation equally as the man selling fruit on a street corner.

Since the incident happened, his personality has completely changed. No longer is he the social and outgoing person that we all know, but he has become withdrawn and introverted like I have never witnessed before. Please do not allow potential time in prison to drain him anymore of his compassionate and kind spirit. He has repeatedly expressed regret for his actions. I sincerely believe that he regrets his actions and has learned his lesson.

As he also suffers from poor health, I sincerely and wholeheartedly plea with you to avail him of prison time so that he can take care of his health and spend time with his four young grandchildren - ranging from the ages of a newborn to a 5-year old.

Thank you so much in advance for your time and consideration to this request.

Sincerely yours,

Grace Meng

(Daughter of Jimmy Meng)